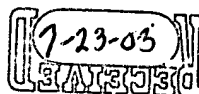


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NO FEE REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, a reply to which is due July 23, 2003 with a No Fee Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, a No Fee Continuation Application is being submitted herewith to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application. The Applicants have not provided authorization or instructions regarding preparation of this Reply. Accordingly, the attorneys for Applicants will not make limitations or incur responsibility for submitting substantive amendments and arguments with respect to the final Office Action.

Attorneys for Applicants have filed a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent on June 24, 2003, which provides a basis for submission of the Continuation Application and Petition for Extension of Time without the required fees. A copy of the Request is being submitted herewith. A second Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent is also being submitted in triplicate herewith.

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The client was provided with copies of the final Office Action, cited references, No Fee Reply to Final Office Action, No Fee Continuation Application, No Fee Petition for Extension of Time, and the Requests for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent. The client has been informed that the attorneys for Applicants are withdrawing, the time necessary for response to the final Office Action, the address of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for correspondence concerning the above-identified application, the fees required for the Continuation Application and the Petition for Extension of Time, and the client's duty to pay the required fees.

It is respectfully submitted that, with the present submissions, the client has been provided with a sufficient amount of time to continue prosecution of the above-identified application, obtain alternate representation, or take other action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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